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Dillon Tribune

**RE: Legal Notice on Final Reclamation Bond Increase for Paul Kurth Mining**

Dear Editor:

Please run the following Legal Notice in your next issue:

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have been conducting a five-year comprehensive bond review of Paul Kurth Mining's (PKM) bonding requirements for Operating Permit No. 00154 pursuant to Section 82-4-338(3), MCA. Paul Kurth Mining is a placer gold mine near Bannock on Grasshopper Creek 20 miles southwest of Dillon, MT. PKM has mined in the area since 1994. The mine is on BLM land in Section 15 in Township 8 South and Range 11 West in Beaverhead County. The agencies issued a draft preliminary bond determination and published a legal notice in the Dillon Tribune on May 11, 2005. No comments were received on the bond from the company or the public.

Current disturbance at the mine is 16.44 acres within an 18.5-acre permit area. DEQ currently holds a reclamation bond of \$35,000 for reclamation of the 16.44 acres of permitted disturbance. The agencies have determined as part of the bond review process that an increase in the bond is required to guarantee reclamation of the permitted disturbance at the site. The agencies have calculated a final bond determination of \$99,335 which would cover the reclamation needed. PKM must post the bond within 30 days of this publication.

A copy of the bond calculations that form the basis for the proposed bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Patrick Plantenberg at (406) 444-4960 or e-mail at [pplantenberg@mt.gov](mailto:pplantenberg@mt.gov).

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Please charge to DEQ account number: RC # 5315, DOC # EMB 5036021.

Sincerely,

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